



## AN APPETIZING MEAL.

Mender Koss Dishes Tempting by Giving Them Pretty Garnishings.

Much of the attractiveness of a meal depends upon the embellishment of the dishes, and when we consider how economically this can be done, there is really no excuse for the lack of tempting details, unless the busy mother and housekeeper finds her day full of other duties.

Ten minutes' supervision of the dishes before they are sent to the table is all that is required to add a bit of greenery, a slice of lemon, a golden-hearted ring of egg, and see how appetizing the simplest meal will become. "But in winter," says some one, "green garnishes are so scarce. There is apt to be a sameness in this line. What is one to do?"

Think a moment. Have you ever livened up some prosaic dish with a leaf or two of crisp, crinkled-edged lettuce—the kind furnished us during the cool months? This is a fancy charming enough to please the most artistic-minded person at the table. Celery tops, shredded cabbage, early bits of creas and parsley sprigs, each in turn, may take their place upon the meat or vegetable dish, and common place viands will gain a festive air.

A young housewife, wishing to have on hand a nice supply of green garnishes, fastened to the sill of a kitchen window having a southern exposure two boxes, in one of which was a luxuriant bed of parsley, while in the other flourished curly creas.

As for vegetables, try turning them into garnishes. Fill in the center of your meat dish with a brown mound of potatoes fried in ribbons, surrounded with slabs of meat-balls, and scatter here and there a tender sprig of parsley. Another appetizing mode is to enfold each chop in a small lettuce leaf.

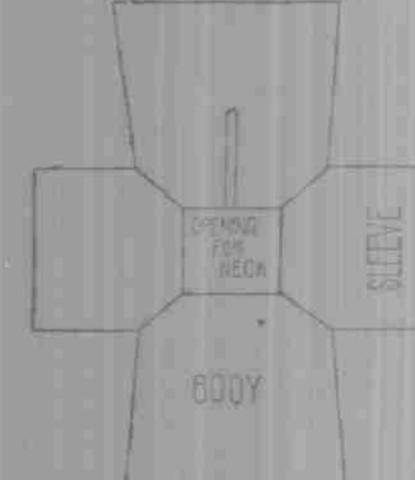
Soups that would otherwise be but slightly relished, become favorites when a few squares of crisp, brown toast—called by the French "croûtons"—are added.

Knowing your own pantry possibilities and the contents of your market basket better than any outsider, think up some furnishings yourself, with which to embellish your table dainties, and you will find that no matter how simple are your efforts, they will be rewarded.—*Golden Days*.

## DRESS FOR CHILDREN.

It is Easily Made and Produces a Very Good Effect.

Mrs. Minnie Bollenmann, who has been an operator and saleswoman in New York for the past six years, has designed a simple dress for dolls which she thinks mothers may find suitable for a small child. It is cut in four parts, but may be cut in any one piece if time comes more than the eight



waste of material, as to busy mothers it sometimes does.

Directions for cutting the dress are as follows: Measure the length from neck as long as desired, allowing for hem; slope slightly, and about one-fourth from upper portion cut off corner for shoulder. Main sleeve portion as full as desired and shape same as a shoulder. Join as shown in front. Turn in or face at neck (which is left perfectly square) and gather to fit. Added gathers are admissible.—*St. Louis Republic*.

To Sing at Baird's.

Mme. Nordin, the operatic vocalist of the Abbey, School & Grant forces, is the only American singer engaged to take part in the festival at Baird's, which begins on July 2, 1894, and continues for 10 days. It is the first time that the management of these festivals has come to America for vocal assistance.—*Examiner*.

Professor Colvin Abroad.

Mrs. Mary Noyes Colvin, who has been chosen professor of the Romance languages in the College For Women of Western Reserve University, has sailed for Florence. She spends the year in Italy and Spain before entering upon her duties in Cleveland next September.—*Cleveland Leader*.

Concerning Visiting Cards.

Ladies' cards are governed by the following rules. A married woman in society, especially with daughters, should always use the prefix "Mrs." Widows and maiden ladies often prefer to use the simple name without prefix; fashion dictates otherwise. A young lady in society, having passed her first season, should, if the eldest daughter, use simply, for instance, "Miss Mitchell." If a younger daughter, she should use her Christian name in full. In her first season a debutante should engrave her name below that of her brother, her individual card not appearing till the second season. On visiting with her mother the name of a daughter may be engraved below that of her mother. If separate, her card should always be left with her mother's card. The same applies to a plurality of daughters, the names being grouped.

## Some Kitchen Measurements.

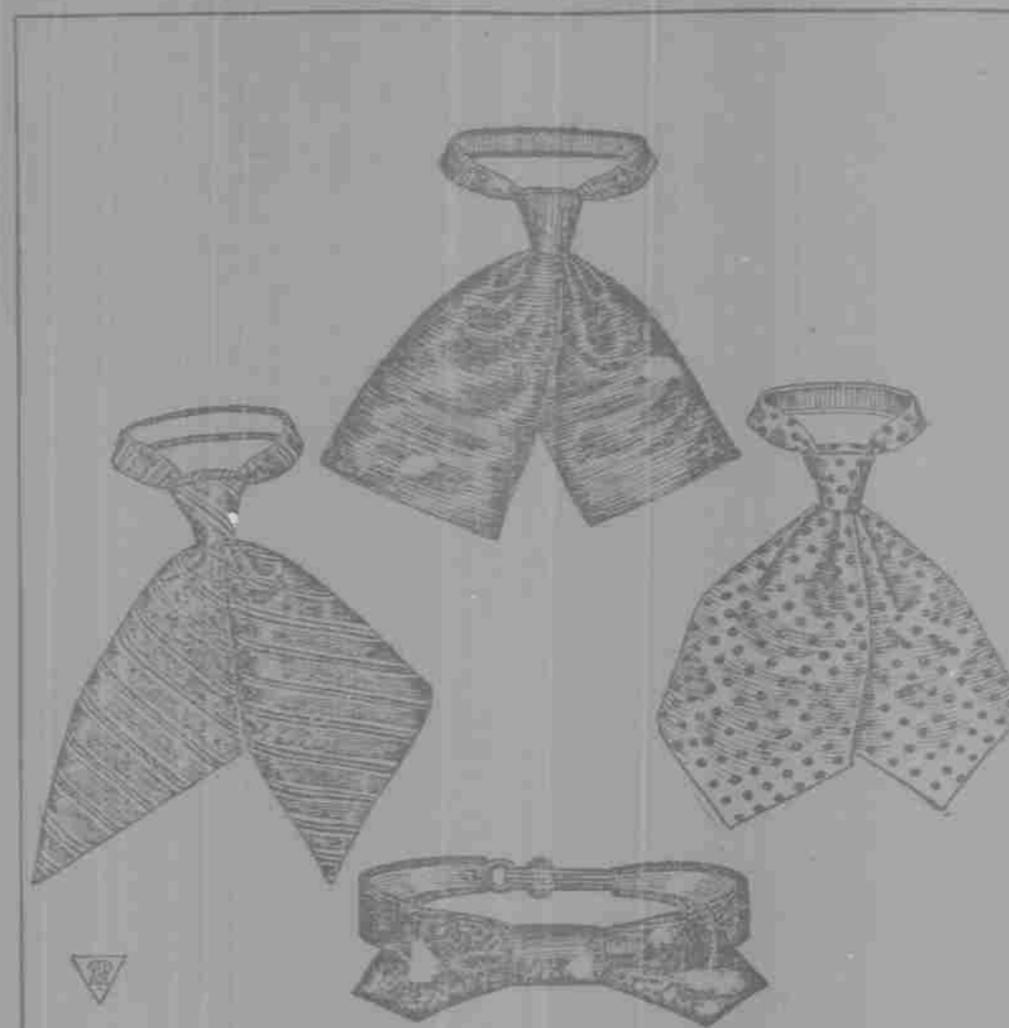
One quart of wheat flour is one pound. One quart of corn meal weighs 18 ounces. One quart of butter, soft, weighs 14 to 16 ounces. One quart of brown sugar weighs from a pound to a pound and a quarter, according to dampness. One quart of white sugar weighs one pound. Ten medium-sized eggs weigh one pound. A tablespoonful of salt is one ounce. Eight tablespoonsfuls make a gill. Two gills or 8 tablespoonsfuls are half a pint. Sixty drops are one teaspoonful. Four tablespoonsfuls are one wineglassful. Twelve tablespoonsfuls are one teacupful. Sixteen teacupfuls, or half a pint, are one tumblful.

## A Hanging Pin cushion.

To make a pretty and novel hanging pin cushion cut two pieces of cardboard the shape of a large purse. Cover them with violet silk and paint one in purse colors. Lay wadding between, sandwiching it with orange root. Overcast together, sew lavender ribbons to the top and stick a halo of small English pins around the edges.

## Amusing the Baby.

Visitor (picking up baby)—So this is the baby, is it? Bless his little tootsie wootsie! Watch me poke um's rib!



## NEW NECKWEAR FOR MEN.

This illustration shows a few of the latest styles in neckties. Paisley patterns are very much liked also. These are of black ribbed silk, faille, gros grain and foulard patterns. There are also ties of figured crepe de chine.

## It Isn't Known There.

"Yes," said the principal of the young ladies' seminary to the proud parents, "you ought to be very happy, my dear sir, to be the father of such a family, all the members of which appear to be devoted to you another."

"Large family! Devoted!" gasped the old gentleman in amazement. "What on earth do you mean, madam?"

"We, yes, indeed," said the principal, smiling benignly, "give us, 'No fewer than 11 of Knob's brothers have been born this winter to take her to the theater, and the day after our wedding the tall one with the blue eyes again kommt'—"

Truth.

No Interest Expected.

This conversation occurred between two Brooklyn boys this week:

"What did you get for Christmas?" asked one.

"I got a dollar," said the other, "but father borrowed it of me before noontime."—*Brooklyn Journal*.

What Saved Him.

Arthur—No, her father didn't kick me out.

Jack—I always said he was too much of a man to do a thing like that.

"That wasn't it; he wasn't mad enough."

—*Brooklyn Life*.

Well Defined.

Amicus—You say that poem is magazine. What particular quality do you consider it is possessing?

Poet—Some quality that will enable me to sell it for more than it is worth.—*Puck*.

Gratitude's Irrepressible Cry.

"You have saved my life," exclaimed the grateful young woman, clasping by the hand the heroic youth who had stopped the runaway team at the risk of his own life. "Thanks,"—*Chicago Tribune*.

A Sermon Spoiled.

"I'm afraid," said Mr. Muggles to his nephew, "that you are giving altogether too much attention to the doings of prize-fighters."

"Well," admitted the young man, "I do enjoy reading about them."

"I am sorry to see it," Prizefighting is brutal and degrading. At an age like this, when there are so many enormous problems of science and civilization to solve, it is wrong for any man to give his mental energies to the consideration of things like this, which are not only low in themselves, but demoralizing in their influence."

The old gentleman took a long breath and sighed.

"Still, one can't help being interested."

"You ought to help it. It's your business to help it."

"But I've had it forced on my attention," was the apologetic reply. "The bookkeeper at our store wants to bet that Mitchell will win."

"Want to bet that Mitchell will—great Scott, you fool him up, didn't you? Why, look at Corbett's reach. He can pull the hairs out of Mitchell's eyebrows without getting touched. And if Mitchell tries to turn the fight into a sprinting match Corbett'll be right with him and chase him lap for lap till he runs him down same as a dog would a rabbit. And that man wants to bet on Mitchell. How much did you take?"

"Why, I haven't bet anything as yet."

"Haven't bet! Here, get your hat and coat and hant him up. Bet him all you've got, and then if he's still game take \$50 worth for me. Don't lose a minute, because he might change his mind."—*Washington Star*.

He Wanted a Watermelon.

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But, old man, there are no watermelons at this season of the year."

"Ain't er! Den Fae going eight buck home to whip dat big collud' man who tol' me watermelons was sellin' in Jacksonville fer 25 cents apiece."—*Times-Union*.

Amusing the Baby.

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